



# **PSC NEWS**

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### **UNSCHEDULED SUMMER NATURAL GAS FILING**

#### **APPROVED FOR SOUTHERN MISSOURI GAS COMPANY**

Jefferson City (October 1, 2001)---Natural gas customers of Southern Missouri Gas Company (SMGC) will experience a decrease in natural gas rates under an unscheduled summer filing approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission. The decrease will take effect today.

A residential customer currently pays \$0.8989 per Ccf (100 cubic feet of gas). Under this filing, the rate will drop to \$0.7160 per Ccf, a decrease of approximately 18.3 cents per Ccf. For a typical residential customer, natural gas rates will decrease by approximately \$7.68 or approximately 2 percent when comparing the fuel bills for the current summer season (April through October) before and after the unscheduled summer filing.

Approximately 60% to 70% of a customer's natural gas bill reflects the cost of natural gas from wholesale suppliers. The wholesale cost of natural gas (the cost your local natural gas company must pay to its supplier for natural gas) is not regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission. The wellhead cost of natural gas is unregulated and is primarily driven by supply and demand. The Missouri Public Service Commission does have regulatory review authority to ensure that regulated gas companies make prudent decisions in securing natural gas supplies for their customers.

Southern Missouri Gas Company serves approximately 6,100 natural gas customers in the Missouri counties of Wright, Texas, Webster, Howell and Douglas.

Consumers are invited to access the Commission's website ([www.psc.state.mo.us](http://www.psc.state.mo.us)) for the monthly natural gas report. This report contains natural gas information on issues such as futures prices and United States storage levels.



